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## THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

We publish in full the proceedings of the Democratic State Convention, as furnished to the Raleigh papers by the Secretaries of the Convention. It will be seen that there were sixty-three counties represented by 312 delegates.

We risk nothing in saying that a more intelligent body of men never assembled in political Convention in this State, and for proof of our assertion, invite an examination of the list of delegates. To this we will add that a more earnest body of men—men more determined to examine all things carefully and decide according to their best judgment and highest convictions of duty, we have never seen. Upon some questions there have been differences—upon none were there divisions at the Convention, nor will there be any during the canvass. If our opponents calculate upon such, they will reckon without their host. We know what we say, when we state that among their most prominent leaders the first mutterings of disaffection which presage the coming storm, are not unheard. Their existence cannot long be ignored, nor their voice stifled.

The decision of the Convention upon *ad valorem*, as the issue made by our opponents has been rather improperly called, is such as we looked for and desired. It is in accordance with the genius of the Democratic party. It is a record of plighted faith and conservative of the sectional compromises of the Constitution. We remarked last week, that "neither in State nor National affairs can the Democratic party consent to array itself upon a sectional issue, or for the abrogation of constitutional compromises of sectional difficulties." The result has shown that our confidence was not misplaced.

Let us say another thing. We had last week another instance of the non-sectional character of the Democracy, in the stand taken by prominent gentlemen from the West, as Hon. W. A. Avery, Gov. Reid, and others, in defence of the Constitution and its guarantees.

Our opponents will make an attempt to create the impression that they are the peculiar friends of the poor man, and that their movement is made for the benefit of poor men, while in fact nothing is farther from the truth. In the first instance the movement is made for the benefit of the leaders who want to get back into power, and in the second instance, their movement, if successful would have the very opposite effect to that which they attribute to it.

Our opponents mislead a good many people, even among Democrats, by arguing that since the Democratic party goes for *ad valorem* as the basis of duties levied on imports by the general government, it is bound to go for the doctrine which our opponents have recently discovered and to which they apply the same name in this State. Let us see:—

*Ad valorem* in the sense in which it is attempted to be applied to our State Constitution and system of State revenue, never was advocated by any party in national politics, and never recurred to practice under any system of government on earth. The advocates of *ad valorem* in this State, go for a uniform rate of percentage upon all property alike, and only upon property. To carry out their idea, they would tax the stock and the implements used by the sturdy yeoman, just as much per cent. as they would the superfluities of the wealthy or the luxuries of the self-indulgent. No Democratic Tariff has ever done that. The tariff of 1846 framed by Gen. J. J. McKay, did not do so. The tariff of 1847 did not do so. Coffee and Tea are admitted free. All classes of spirituous liquors are taxed thirty per cent. upon their value—*ad valorem* as the phrase is. In fact these schedules and classes of goods are taxed at nearly all rates from 1 to 30 per cent. There is not any such thing as this horizontal uniformity of rate that our would-be reformers seek to introduce into our State, even at the cost of disturbing those constitutional compromises under which the different sections of the State were progressing harmoniously.

But we have not now time to go fully into the merits of this question. We will hereafter discuss it in all its bearings, and while doing so, will have the satisfaction of knowing that our party, in its platform, has met all the issues before it, plainly and unequivocally, without hiding its meaning under a mass of verbiage, or indulging in a bill of indictment against opponents who ought to be laboring in the same cause; neither have we been afraid to denounce our sectional enemies in so many words, nor stultified ourselves, as our opponents have done, by selecting as our candidate a gentleman whose record is opposed to all the most important planks of the platform upon which they have placed him.

They have shown their sincerity by putting forth as the advocate of what they call *ad valorem*, John Pool, of Pasquotank, a gentleman whose votes in the last Legislature are recorded against it. They have shown themselves in favor of protecting aggression on the rights of native and adopted citizens, and appoint as the guardian of these latter a good Know-Nothing. They charge the Democrats with having annulled long established compromises between the conflicting interests of different sections, and yet base their own hopes of success upon doing the very thing they denounce. They go to the West as its particular friends, yet placing their standard in the hands of a gentleman whose uniform record is against any work for the development of that section.—They are opposed to office-hunting and spoils, while at the same time they offer for the Presidency a gentleman who has held more offices than any man in North Carolina.

In what proud contrast to this inconsistency does the Democratic party stand and what a different position does its tried, able and faithful standard-bearer occupy? Let every Democrat, every conservative man do his duty and a glorious triumph awaits us.

Having been constantly occupied in the business of the Convention during its whole session, we were unable to correspond with the "Journal" which we trust will be accepted by our readers as a full explanation of our failure to do so. Of our pleasant association with our Democratic brethren from all parts of the State we need say no more than that it will long dwell in our memory.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The following gentlemen constitute the Democratic Executive Committee for this State:

E. G. Haywood, of Wake,  
Hon. D. M. Barringer,  
James Fulton of New Hanover,  
Hon. John Kerr of Caswell,  
Dr. Wm. Sloan of Gaston,  
Geo. Green of Craven,  
Hon. Thomas Settle, Jr., of Rockingham,  
W. L. Tate, of Buncombe.

HOMECIDE.—We learn from the "Press," that "on Tuesday last two men named Mangum and Mayner lived in the southern part of Raleigh, got into a quarrel, the result of an old grudge, when Mayner struck Mangum several times with a hoe which he held in his hands at the time, and inflicted wounds which have proved mortal. We learn that Mr. Mangum has since died.—Mr. Mayner was taken before Mayor Harrison and committed to jail."

FURTHER FROM MEXICO.—The advice from Northern Mexico received at New Orleans, report that Carraval is seeking American aid for the Juarez government, and that Miramon has ordered Cortinas to hold out till March, when he would receive reinforcements.

## BY TELEGRAPH.

Confederation in Barbados.

New York, March 8th, 1860.

An arrival at this port from Barbados reports a terrible conflagration at Bridgetown, Barbados, on the 13th ult. A large portion of Bridgetown is said to have been destroyed. The loss is estimated at two million five hundred thousand dollars.

## Five days Later from Europe.

St. Johns, N. S. March 9th, 1860.

The Steamship Nova Scotia put into this port this morning short of coal. She is bound to Portland, with dates from Liverpool to the 23d ult.

The Ministry have triumphed in the House of Commons, by a large majority, on the question to consider the French treaty before the budget of business laid before that body by Government.

The ship Luna, of Havre, for New Orleans, was wrecked near Cherbourg, and one hundred and five lives lost; only two were saved.

A French Ministerial circular demands obedience to the laws from the clergy on the Roman question.

## Liverpool Market.

Liverpool, Feb. 23d, 1860.

Cotton.—Sales for the past three days of 22,000 bales; for inferior qualities prices are easier, but quotations unchanged.

Flour firm. Wheat had an advancing tendency.—Provisions quiet.

Consols closed at 94 3/4 to 95.

## Further by the Steamship Nova Scotia.

The congregation held at Vatican have decided that the King of Sardinia should not be ex-communicated, whatever political events should transpire.

## THE MARKETS.

Rice quiet.

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## FURTHER FROM EUROPE.

New York, March 12th, 1860.

The Steamer (N. G. L.) from Southampton, arrived here yesterday with dates to the 23d ult.

The advice from Rome announce that the Pope has in readiness a Motu Proprio, already signed, realizing promises made at Gaeta, but that before promulgating it, he demands that the patrimony of St. Peter be guaranteed him.

The electoral committee of Florence recommends the annexation to Piedmont as the only programme which candidates should profess.

Consols on Wednesday Evening closed at 95 3/4 to 95 1/2.

## LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

The Steamer Atlantic has arrived from Aspinwall, with California dates to the 20th ultimo. She brings \$1,200,000 in specie. Her general news is unimportant.

## LATER FROM EUROPE.

Halifax, March 12th, 1860.

The Steamship Niagara, from Liverpool with telegraphic dates via Queenstown to the 26th ult., arrived here yesterday.

Cotton was quiet. Sales for the week 51,000 bales.

Bread Stuffs steady.

Provisions quiet.

Consols closed on Saturday evening at 94 3/4 to 95, and for account at 95 1/2 to 95 3/4.

## CAPE FEAR AND DEEP RIVER WORKS.—The Fayetteville Observer says, that it learns from a reliable source that Jones' Lock is now in good navigable condition, that they are now repairing Silver Run, and that the lock at Red Rock is completed, although the dam will not be finished till next summer. Haw Ridge is completed, and is in good condition. Green Rock and Narrow Gap are both in good repair. All the locks between Lockville and Narrow Gap are in a passable condition.

## Meeting in Cumberland.

Pursuant to previous notice a portion of the Democracy of Cumberland met in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening, and organized by calling J. H. Roberts, Esq., to the chair, and appointing C. J. J. Sinclair, Secretary.

On motion of P. J. Sinclair, Esq., the following committee was appointed to draft resolutions for the consideration of the meeting: P. J. Sinclair, Duncan Shaw, Henry R. King, and M. C. Lamont, Esqrs.

During the absence of the committee W. McL. McKay, addressed the meeting in his usual forcible and energetic manner, contrasting the Whig party with the conglomerated fungus of the present time, calling upon all within the sound of his voice to rally around the standard of the only national party of the country and its Charleston nominee.

At the conclusion of Mr. McKay's speech, the committee reported, through their chairman, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the time is approaching when the people of North Carolina will be called upon to select members for our next Legislature; and whereas, it is the duty of the Democracy to put forth a firm and good and true man to represent them in the Legislature;—

Resolved, That we recommend Fayetteville as the place, and Tuesday of May Court as the time for holding a Convention, together with our county of Harriet, to select candidates to represent us in the next Legislature, together with our other county officers.

On motion of W. L. Saunders, Esq., the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we fully endorse the course of our present Representative in Congress, the Hon. Warren Winslow—being truly national and conservative; and we, his constituents, feel proud of him as our Representative and fellow-traveler.

Resolved, That it gives us unmingled pleasure to see his name so prominently before the people for the Presidency, and we, his constituents, feel proud of him as our Representative and fellow-traveler.

Resolved, That we deem it unnecessary to relegate ourselves to the support of the principles of the Democratic party; for when the time comes we will be found true and steadfast—working shoulder to shoulder for the success and glory of the Democratic cause.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this meeting, Gov. Ellis should have, and it is the duty of the party to give him the nomination for Governor of North Carolina, believing with him as our standard-bearer, new victories will crown our endeavors, and the State will be upheld in the healthy condition into which has been placed by the wisdom of our time-honored measures.

Which, on motion, were adopted.

Duncan J. Devane of Sampson, was called upon, and responded in an able, eloquent and persuasive argument, sustaining not only his position as one of our most prominent young men, and also proving that in the Democracy alone could be found purity, honesty and integrity.

French Strange, Esq., was next called upon, and held forth in a chaste and eloquent speech. On the conclusion of which, P. J. Sinclair was called upon, and made a few well timed remarks. After which Mr. A. T. Banks, being called upon, spoke in glowing terms of the Democratic party, and the wisdom of building up an opposition party to destroy its power.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

J. H. ROBERTS, Chm.

## Supreme Court of North Carolina.

OPINIONS.

By PERRON, C. J.—In Watson v. Davis, from Mecklenburg, judgment reversed, venire de novo. In McKee v. Davis, in equity, from Montgomery, decretal order affirmed. In Cox v. Williams, in equity, from Jones, dismissing the bill. In Palmer v. Giles, in equity, from Orange, decree for plaintiff. In Johnson v. Johnson, in equity, from Yadkin, directing the account to be corrected.

By BATTLE, J.—Hewett v. Wooten, from Cumberland, affirming the judgment. In State v. Willis, from Chowan, declaring there is no error in the record. In Jenkins v. Troutman, from Rowan, affirming the judgment. In McCullen v. Whitford, in equity, from Craven, directing a decree for plaintiff. In Little v. Perkins, in equity from Pitt, sustaining the exception of defendant. In Feinster v. Tucker, in equity, from Irwell, slaves belonging to next of kin.

By MANLY, J.—In Barringer v. Boyden, from Rowan, affirming the judgment. In White v. Clive, from Cabarrus, judgment reversed and judgment here for plaintiff. In Keeler v. Verbe, from Rowan, affirming the judgment. In Klutts v. others, on petition to sell land, from Rowan,—widow entitled to dower—decree for sale. In Gaither v. Allen, in equity, from Irwell, dismissing the bill. In Glenn v. Brown, in equity, from Yadkin, directing an account—Pres.

## Democratic State Convention of North Carolina.

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